

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Fishing Habits

WHEN His Excellency, the Governor opened the annual fisheries exhibition at Aberdeen on Saturday he revealed that a revolution had quietly been taking place in the Colony's fishing fleet in the last eight years. Perhaps it should be called the first stage in a revolution which may have as its ultimate goal the one envisaged by the Governor—the formation of a modern Western-style trawler fleet with standards of technical efficiency as high as in any part of the world.

The first stage in this revolution was mechanisation. This does not mean that every fishing junk operating in the Colony's waters today is equipped with an engine. The figures show that 800 of 6,000 junks of all classes, or under one-seventh of the total, are mechanised. But the important point to stress is that 60 per cent of the landings of fish in the Colony now come from these mechanised vessels. Eight years ago they were just being introduced.

FROM the present stage to the creation of a modern trawler fleet capable of long-distance operations may take many years. The prototypes of a modern Hongkong trawler are on the slipways already but the local fisherman who has only recently allowed himself to be convinced of the merits of mechanisation his floating home and has borrowed several hundred dollars to do so, is not likely to take too readily to the idea—or the cost—of such a domestically-upsetting innovation as is now proposed.

The junkmaster who has mechanised his craft in the last eight years can also be considered among the more enterprising and more prosperous of the Colony's fisherfolk. It is therefore hard to see the idea of a revolutionary trawler fleet getting very far in Hongkong until the prototypes are able to offer some really staggering evidence of their capabilities; until, in short, they prove they are worth changing a way of life that has existed and, indeed, has been perfected during the course of a good many hundreds of years.

ONE of the first guarantees the fisherman might seek is that there are assured markets and therefore assured prices for his product. This is an important consideration and obviously trawler development will depend to a large extent on whether market conditions warrant the capital outlay involved.

At present, wholesale fish prices are at a record low, which is distinctly discouraging. Sir Alexander Grantham mentioned in his opening speech to the fisheries exhibition that "one or two" local firms were seeking export outlets for the surplus catch. If this venture proves successful—that is, if any fish are canned locally and assured markets are found in Southeast Asia, Japan and Korea—it may provide the necessary incentive for development of the local fishing fleet.

We are told the Hongkong fisherman is not "conservative" but progressive and enterprising. But that does not mean he has no head for elementary economics either. The trawler idea is a good one and it is to be hoped Government gives the fishing community every incentive to modernise in this way. But to do that they will also have to help create the necessary conditions to make the idea appealing and profitable.

NEW CHINA TRADE EMBARGO

TALKS LIKELY NATO Countries To Take Up Subject

MORE TOUGH
WEATHER
FOR EUROPE

London, Feb. 13.

Snow and ice tightened their grip on many parts of Europe again today, after a brief respite, causing fresh disasters and hindering the efforts of rescue teams in the stricken areas.

Avalanches in Macedonia caused a large number of people and their fate is still unknown. Thousands trapped by snow-dorms in the mountains of Italy are desperately short of food and supplies. Some hamlets have been cut off for a fortnight. United States air force aircraft has joined Italian planes and helicopters in rescue missions.

The United States air force in Wiesbaden, West Germany, announced it was airlifting 450,000 pounds weight of supplies to stricken villages in Italy and more than 100,000 pounds to Greece.

DANUBE FROZEN
More than 20 "flying boxcars" from American bases in Drux and Eyraux (France), Athens, North Africa and West Germany are taking part.

Frozen seas and rivers have held up shipping and road and rail traffic is seriously disrupted. Thick ice, 20 feet high, has completely suspended navigation on the Danube in Upper Austria and all available ice-breakers are working a 24-hour day. Budapest newspaper reports reaching Vienna said the Danube in Hungary was frozen in "solid sheet of ice".

Both the Italian and Austrian authorities are worried over the danger of floods when a thaw comes—Reuter.

TRADE GAP WIDENS

London, Feb. 13.
Provisional figures issued today by the Board of Trade show that the United Kingdom trade gap in January widened to £142 million compared with December's official adverse balance of £71.5 million.

January figures (to the nearest decimal place) were: Imports £340.3 million, exports £208.3 million and re-exports £142 million.

United Kingdom exports in January to the United States were provisionally estimated at £10 million and to Canada at £10.1 million—Reuter.

Troops Fire On Rioters

Limassol, Cyprus, Feb. 13.
One Cypriot Greek villager was killed and a Cypriot Greek woman injured when troops opened fire on a riotous crowd today at Kolossi, a village six miles west of Limassol, it was officially announced.

According to first reports reaching here, the British troops had gone to remove a Greek flag in the village when they were heavily stoned.

The withdrawal and returned with reinforcements. When the crowd became violent the troops fired, killing a Cypriot Greek man. A woman was injured.

Barrage Of Stones
Today's battle was the aftermath of an incident on Friday when Cypriot Greek women fought hand-to-hand with stones against British troops while village men stayed out of sight.

In the new clash today, men joined the women who remained in the forefront of the attack. The soldiers came under a furious barrage of stones when they tried to lower the flag and when the mob failed to disperse, they opened fire—Reuter.

London, Feb. 13.
The London Times reports that a thorough review of the embargoes on trade with China by the consultative group in Paris is expected in the future.

The paper recalls that this group on which Japan and all the NATO countries except Iceland have representatives, meets from time to time to co-ordinate the controls on East-West trade.

"The coming meeting," writes the Times, "will be a direct result of the recent Washington talks at which the British view was put forward that restrictions on trade with China should be on the same basis as those on trade with the Soviet bloc and that the two should gradually be brought into line."

The American government still seems unwilling to make any significant concessions in trade with China, but it is clear that the United Kingdom as well as other European countries are determined to lift some of the restrictions.

The Times adds, "In short, the British and American governments have agreed to differ. Officials examined the restrictions on China trade in some details during the Washington talks and this review is still proceeding."

"As in the past, an agreement between the two governments will possibly be reached before the consultative group meets in Paris."

Both the French and German governments are said to have pressed for some relaxation in recent months, and Japan has also asked for the removal of 10 items from the restricted list.

MAIN PRESSURE

"The main pressure for a change in the embargo seems to have come from businessmen. Several British firms with orders from China for goods, which they could freely ship to the Soviet bloc, have been refused licenses for export to China."

"Since China can get the goods quite legitimately from the Soviet bloc, the logic of having two different embargoes, one for the Soviet bloc and another for China, has been questioned."

"There is now little doubt that in the long run, the British Government would prefer to have one embargo list for all the communist countries."

"This may well be slower than expected if the United States government sets its face against any changes."

HONGKONG TRADE

The Times adds, "The possibility of changes in the China embargo has raised hopes in the city of a revival of trade through Hongkong and of rubber shipments from Malaya to China."

"Hongkong, in particular, has felt the draught of the embargo during the past five years. While in 1951, it handled engineering goods worth £27,000,000, rubber worth £220,000,000 and other goods worth £200,000,000 for the China market, the total shipments from Hongkong to China last year were barely £11,000,000 or little more than 10 per cent of the 1951 level."

The Times goes on: "Views about the potentialities of the Chinese market differ widely. In some industrial quarters, it is believed that 1956 may be the critical year for placing of contracts in connection with China's Second Five Year Plan, which starts early next year."

"An easing of the trade restrictions, it is said, would encourage China to place large orders in this country and other European countries and thus weaken her dependence on the Soviet Union."

CHINA'S FINANCES

"The assumption, however, is that China can adequately finance imports. This has still to be tested. Sales of Chinese products to this country have remained comparatively low and hardly seem sufficient to support a sharp increase in the sterling area purchases of their goods."

Narrow Escape For Stevenson

New York, Feb. 13.
Mr. Adlai Stevenson, who is campaigning for the democratic presidential nomination, escaped injury when a snow tractor in which he was travelling plunged 35 feet into a snow canyon near Timberline Lodge, Oregon, today.

With his five companions, Mr. Stevenson scrambled out and walked back to the lodge where he is writing speeches.

He said afterwards that he once crashed in a helicopter in the Malayan jungle—Reuter.

Malta Referendum

MINTOFF WINNING

Valetta, Feb. 13.
Half the votes counted in Malta's weekend referendum showed 33,396 in favour of closer political and economic ties with Britain compared with 10,517 against.

The final result is expected in the early hours of tomorrow.

Mr. Dom Mintoff, the Prime Minister, polled approximately 33,396 votes, with 10,517 against. It is estimated that the final government vote will be about 68,500 of the 90,342 votes cast.—Reuter.

The Russians Lied About Burgess And Maclean

London, Feb. 13.

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the British Foreign Secretary told the House of Commons today that the Burgess and Maclean affairs brought into clear relief the lack of candour of the Soviet authorities in their statements about these men.

Referring to the disavowals by Soviet statesmen of any knowledge of the missing British diplomats, who reappeared in Moscow on Saturday, the Foreign Secretary said: "This kind of conduct shows you how difficult it is to establish the relations of mutual trust which the Soviet Union professes to seek."

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd said that the statement made by Burgess and Maclean (to British and Russian correspondents) was designed "to be used for propaganda purposes."

He declared: "No credence can be placed in their words." On speculation that the re-appearance and statement of the former British foreign office men was aimed at driving a wedge between Britain and America, Mr. Lloyd said: "If this is the explanation, they will not succeed."

NOT WITH M15

A Labour member, Mr. Percy Daines, asked the Foreign Secretary whether Burgess and Maclean (in the statement) to have served in the British secret service and military intelligence.

(M15) the British counter-espionage organisation, was true. Mr. Selwyn Lloyd replied: "I don't think that is exactly what Burgess claims. (In the statement) Burgess said he had been 'associated' with these departments."

"But in fact he was employed in a department which at the outbreak of war dealt with propaganda to neutral countries—an organisation which became known as SOE."

The Foreign Secretary recalled that in October, Mr. Harold Macmillan, then British Foreign Secretary, had asked Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Secretary, in Geneva, for information about Maclean and Burgess.

Mr. Molotov said he was quite unable to provide any information.

On January 12, Mr. Harold Wilson, a former Labour Minister, had in Moscow asked Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Communist Party Secretary, the same question.

Mr. Khrushchev was reported to have replied: "Are these men in this country? I have heard nothing of them and I have not met them."

The House must be prepared to draw its own opinion about the veracity of these statements, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd said.

"It brings out in clear relief the constant lack of candour of the Soviet authorities in their statements about these men—Reuter."

Indonesia Abrogates Agreement ACTION AGAINST HOLLAND

The Hague, Feb. 13.
Indonesia tonight abrogated the Dutch-Indonesian Union unilaterally, as from today, according to Djakarta messages reaching here.

The announcement was made after an Indonesian Cabinet session to consider the failure of the Dutch-Indonesian conference in Geneva on Saturday.

The Indonesian government "will consider similar measures regarding the other agreements reached with the Netherlands during the round table conference in The Hague in 1949, mainly in the financial and economic fields," the Information Minister, Slamuddin Sutan Miskur said.

According to the reports the Minister said the abrogation of the union, established in 1949 when Holland transferred sovereignty to Indonesia was "only the first step."

The government and the government parties would discuss the other measures against Holland on Tuesday night, he said.

BREAKS DOWN

The Indonesian government would give a statement to parliament on its decisions as soon as possible after the return of the Indonesian delegation from Geneva.

The Geneva conference, originally called on December 10 to improve relations between the two countries, broke down on Saturday after the delegation failed to agree on an arrangement for the settlement of disputes arising from the execution of the financial-economic agreements.

Tonight's move comes after Djakarta reports today that the Indonesian political parties had been demanding the cancellation of the agreements with the Dutch—Hawley.

Wedding Night Tragedy

Rome, Feb. 13.
Bruno Ronchi, aged 40, of Treviglio, North Italy, died of a heart attack on his wedding night, after a 15-year engagement to his bride, 35-year-old Lucia Villa, according to reports reaching here today.

The couple, who were on their way to a Copri honeymoon, spent their wedding night with relatives at Sesto San Giovanni. When they retired after a copious meal, there was no sign that Bruno was ill, his reports said, but died before his hosts could reach their room.

Bruno and Lucia had long postponed their marriage for financial reasons.—France-Press.



Woman's Revelations Under Lie Detector

Detroit, Feb. 13.

An Iraqi immigrant said during a lie test today that she and her young lover planned the murder of her husband a month before the crime was committed.

Mrs. Victoria Halsha, 23, made the statement shortly after she began a lie test to confirm her story of the slaying of her husband.

She at first told police a "dark-skinned burglar" killed her husband and raped her before fleeing. But when confronted with evidence which contradicted her story, she accused Maurice Hamilton, 20, another recent immigrant, of the slaying.

From the time she implicated Hamilton until her lie test, Mrs. Halsha had claimed the first she knew about the murder of her husband was when Hamilton walked from her husband's bedroom with a bloody knife in his hand.

Shortly after the test began, however, the comely housewife said she and Hamilton had planned the murder more than a month ago.

Police said Hamilton would undergo a lie test after Mrs. Halsha's test was completed. They said the tests were "very difficult" to administer because both Mrs. Halsha and Hamilton speak Chaldean, an ancient language, and an interpreter had to be used. Hamilton is the son of a wealthy Scottish engineer and an Iraqi mother.

Taking advantage of Government's relaxation of travel restrictions between Hongkong and Kwangtung during the new year holidays, hundreds of people queued up for trains to the border over the weekend. This picture, by a staff photographer, shows a section of the waiting travellers at the KCR yesterday morning.

COLD AND DRIZZLY

Holiday makers yesterday shivered under typical Chinese New Year weather conditions, as the thermometer hit a minimum of 52 degrees Fahrenheit.

The thermometer at 9 o'clock this morning was 54.9 degrees. At 1 a.m. it was at 53.3.

There was light but steady rain during the night. From midnight to 9 a.m. today approximately 0.41 inches of rain fell.

Today's forecast indicates an overcast sky with mist and periods of light rain.

Paris, Feb. 13.

The world-famed Eiffel Tower will shortly get a third elevator and four new pavilions at the base of each of its pillars.

The 984-foot tower, built in 1889, has two elevators at present. The new elevator will be based in the North Pillar where a large new reception pavilion will be built.—France-Press.

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Algerian Rebels Must Have Their Say

Algiers, Feb. 12.

The head of the powerful Algerian religious body said today that anybody who negotiates with France on Algeria's future must have the consent of the rebels.

On the eve of the opening of the new Algerian assembly, Sheikh Larbi Tebbessi, acting president of the Association of Ulemas doctors of Koranic law, said:

WHO WILL BECOME A CATHOLIC?

London, Feb. 12.

A London newspaper said today that a "high ranking British person" is thinking of becoming a Roman Catholic.

The Sunday Dispatch said that "it is said that he, or she, is so important a person that the conversion will not be without repercussions."

The paper said that the Duke of Norfolk, the foremost Catholic layman in England, may have discussed this person's "spiritual crisis" when he paid an audience with Pope Plus last week.

To Intercede

It said this was the opinion held in "ecclesiastical circles" in Rome.

But another paper, the Sunday Express, said that the purpose of the Duke's visit to the Pope was "to intercede with His Holiness on behalf of a friend of the Duke—a prominent figure among the Catholic laity in England—who wishes his marriage to be annulled."—United Press.

How They Gave Away The Empire

Wolverhampton, Feb. 12.

Mr Richard Crossman, a left-wing Labour MP, said here tonight that the present Conservative British government had given away as much of the Empire as Labour when it was in power.

Mr Crossman, speaking at a meeting to mark the Parliamentary Labour Party's Golden Jubilee, added that the Labour government gave the peoples their freedom because they believed in principle that it was right.

The Conservative government had been driven to do so by weakness, he said. "Contrast the difference in Mr Attlee's grant of freedom to India and Sir Anthony Eden's surrender in Malaya," he said. "Mr Attlee gave freedom without force being applied. The Conservatives gave it in Malaya after spending years and millions of pounds in trying to suppress communism by force and failing to do so."—China Mail Special.

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London, Feb. 13.

Malayan Communists are expected to make a renewed offer of a truce to end fighting when Federation Chief Minister Tengku Abdul Rahman returns home, it was learned today.

The Tengku who is presently in London, has already received an indication in this regard and is reported to be in consultation with his colleagues and British government experts.

CATHOLIC, MOSLEM FRONT

Singapore, Feb. 12.

Singapore Moslem leaders today hailed a move to form an anti-Communist united front of the world's Catholics and Moslems.

The plan was discussed at a Rome meeting of the Italian East-West centre which was attended by Catholic prelates and Moslem diplomats stationed in the Vatican and Rome.

Dato S. I. O. Alsagoff, Chairman of the Singapore Moslem Advisory Committee, said however, "I think it is most important. Something similar in Singapore might well be considered."

He said a united front against communism "should be formed not only by Moslems and Catholics but by all who believe in God."—United Press.

Bomb Thrown Into Kitchen

Nicosia, Feb. 12.

A terrorist tonight hurled a bomb into the kitchen of a British sergeant's bungalow, badly wounding his wife as she prepared supper.

Troops were scouring Nicosia for the killers who shot three unarmed Royal Air Force men in the back yesterday, killing two of them. The third was on the danger list tonight.

And in Ephesus, on the west coast, British police dogs led commandos on a trial leading from the monastery where Abbot Epiphanius was shot dead last night. It petered out in a village after a mile.

No motive has been given for the abbot's murder, but the newspaper Ethnos—considered the mouthpiece of the orthodox church leadership—said today it was ascribed to political motives. Troops found a wanted man hiding in a cell at the monastery last December.

Two monks, who were with the abbot when his killers burst into the monastery, today described what happened. They said there were two masked men—one with a revolver and the other with a shot gun.

As the man with the revolver advanced, the abbot stepped back, raising his hands and crying: "Let me go... Holy Mother!" The gunman motioned to the two monks to turn to the wall with raised hands.

As they did so, the man with the shotgun took aim at the abbot and fired, smashing the 55-year-old priest's left hand.

One of the monks continued: "The masked man with the revolver turned to the abbot, took aim and pulled the trigger. But the gun jammed. The abbot was leaning against the wall holding his shattered hand."

"The two men looked at each other and the man with the shotgun took aim again and fired another round. This hit the abbot in the chest and he slumped to the floor."—Reuter.

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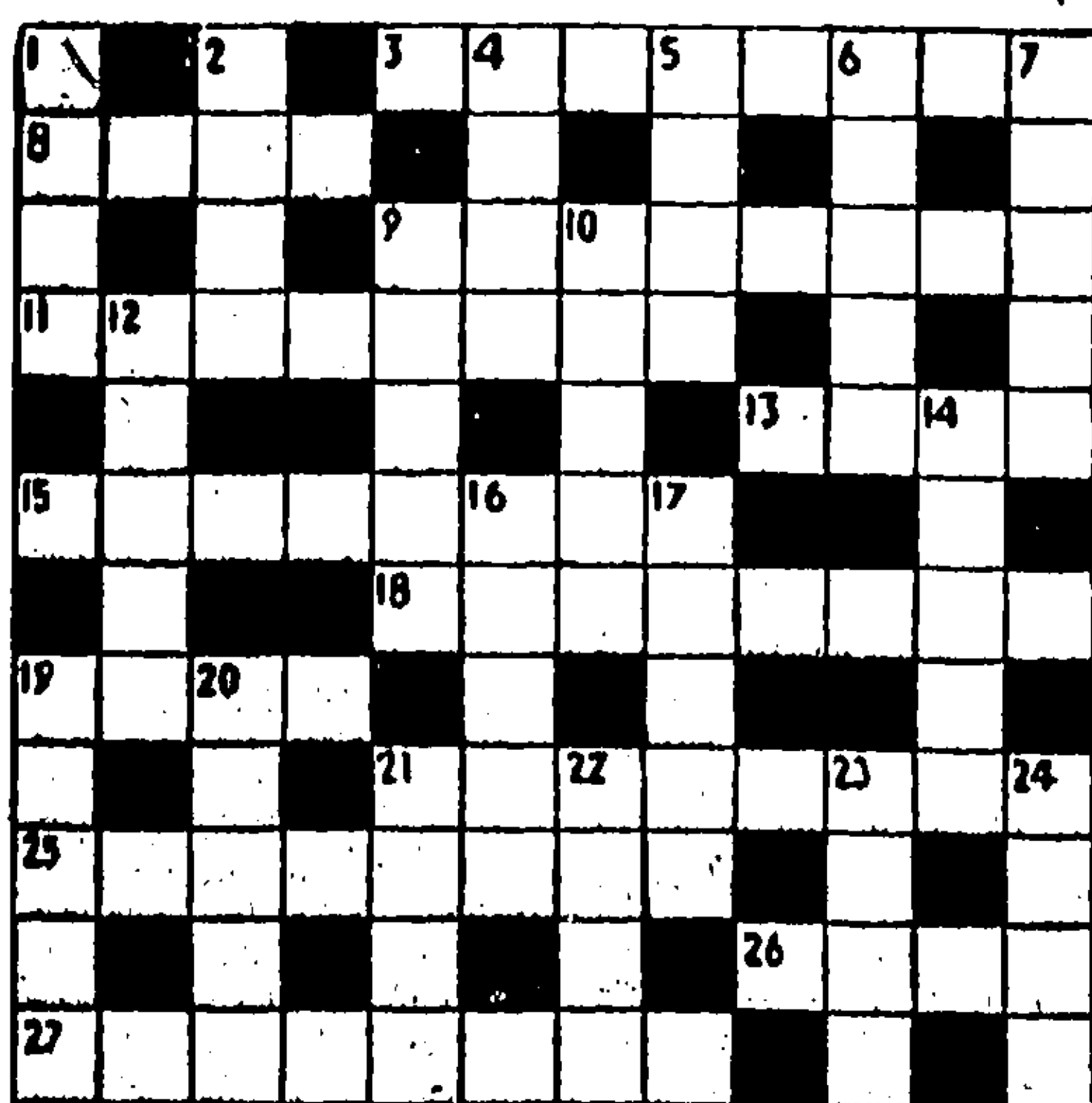
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Mystery Men Appear

BUT DEPART LEAVING
MANY QUESTIONS
WITHOUT ANSWERS

By Sidney Weiland

Moscow, Feb. 12.

Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean were still "mystery men" today—despite their dramatic reappearance here yesterday after five years silence.

Their five-minute, carefully conducted interview with myself and another British correspondent and two Soviet reporters in a room at Moscow's National Hotel served only to confirm the widespread belief that they were in the Soviet Union.

The two British diplomats, both in the prepared statement they issued and in a few remarks they made to us, left many questions unanswered.

They declined to say whether they were working for the Soviet Foreign Ministry, and their statement carefully avoided giving any clue to their present work.

Brief Encounter

The appearance of the two former diplomats last night for five minutes was almost unreal.

It was over almost as soon as the two British correspondents realised what had happened, and Burgess and Maclean walked away before the correspondents could pause to read the statement they handed out.

This brief encounter with Burgess and Maclean had all the makings of high drama. It was obvious that appearance had been carefully staged in order that British correspondents might see them "in the flesh."

This would be a precaution on the part of the Soviet authorities who would know that the authenticity of any statement attributed to the two diplomats, which might be published in the Soviet press without physical appearance, would be challenged in the West.

This occurred when a statement by Dr Bruno Pontecorvo, naturalised British atomic scientist who appeared in Moscow last March after a five-year absence, was published in the Soviet Communist Party newspaper. It was followed four days later by press reports at which the scientist answered questions.

Soviet Censorship

Though there were a number of similarities between the cases of Dr Pontecorvo and the diplomat, the major difference is that Pontecorvo was free to answer questions. He admitted freely that he was working in the atomic field in the Soviet Union, including the name of the actual institute where he was employed.

He also told correspondents he had taken out Soviet citizenship. Though Pontecorvo was much more nervous than Burgess appeared to be last night, he seemed almost anxious to answer questions.

When it was eventually decided that the diplomats would emerge from their five-year silence only four reporters were chosen to meet them. Two of them were Russians who did not attempt to ask any questions.

It appeared that either Burgess and Maclean or the Soviet authorities, who presumably staged the interview, deliberately avoided calling a larger press conference which would have been more difficult to control, and where a large number of embarrassing questions would have been inevitable.

The setting chosen for the diplomats' reappearance was perfect in the sense that they completely controlled the interview and avoided answering almost all questions, and so refused to be drawn that the two British correspondents had no alternative but to leave when the diplomats rose, shook hands, put on their coats and walked out.

Vanished

They vanished as suddenly as they had come and said nothing to dispel the mystery which has surrounded their names for five years and which continues, except that they have been physically seen and have confirmed that they are in the Soviet Union.

The dramatic circumstances of the diplomats' reappearance—their statement was published in all Soviet newspapers today without comment and without any mention of the remarks exchanged between them and the British reporters—has taken the place of the forthcoming Communist Party Congress as the high point of speculation in the diplomatic galaxy.

The general view is that the decision to "produce" the diplomats was taken at the highest level, probably by Mr Nikita Khrushchev, the Communist Party Secretary, with an eye on removing outstanding issues between the Soviet Union and Britain before the visit to London of Mr Khrushchev and Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Soviet Premier, in April.

Diplomats here said this was indicated by the opening of the Burgess-Maclean statement in which they claimed that doubts about their whereabouts and speculation on their past actions might be a factor "that has been and may again be exploited by the opponents of Anglo-Soviet understanding."

Some Doubts

In this connection, the stress laid by the diplomats in their statement on denying they had ever been Communist agents was also noted.

Publication of the statement at this time might also have been intended to serve some purpose for internal consumption within the Soviet Union in suggesting there were doubts and apprehensions even in the British Foreign Office about American policy—an allegation frequently made by the Soviet press.

The statement's publication also serves to foster India that the Soviet Union is genuinely interested in the "Geneva spirit" and lessening tension, while the United States is not.

The main question left unanswered by the diplomats' statement and interview is what they are now doing.

Though they walked away from the National Hotel last night with apparent freedom and without any sign that they were being "tailed," the degree of movement they have is still unknown.

Until now obviously the greatest care has been taken in their movements and they should not appear in public and run the risk of recognition by diplomats and other foreigners in Moscow theatres and restaurants.

No Other Claims

Mrs Charles Bohlen, wife of the American Ambassador, however, thought she recognised Burgess and Maclean in the Bolshoi Theatre last summer, but could not be sure.

Certainly no other claims of recognition have been made since the men disappeared from Britain in 1951. If the diplomats have been living in the Soviet Union since that time as they claim, and are now living in Moscow, it is believed they must live an almost cloistered life, probably cut off from normal life in the city.

It is to be seen whether they will now feel able to move about more freely, although this is generally considered unlikely because of the risk of recognition and possibly of embarrassing encounters with other foreigners.

Diplomats in Moscow believe that though Burgess and Maclean may have acted in an advisory capacity to the Soviet Foreign Ministry on Anglo-American affairs for a time after their arrival in Russia, their usefulness probably ended soon afterwards.

It is also believed that they were subsequently employed in one of the numerous press and radio propaganda fields operated by the Soviet Government in the English language.

Radio Advisers?

They might be advisers to Moscow radio in the preparation of programmes beamed to Britain, the United States and other English-speaking countries, or they might be employed on English language magazines.

Several British "defectors" who were the British embassy staff in the early post-war years, are known to work on these publications.—China Mail Special.

WORLD NEWS REVIEW
ATTLEE INJURED
IN CAR CRASH

During Chinese New Year there were many world developments and announcements. The following is a United Press review.

LONDON.—Former British labour leader Earl Attlee suffered rib injuries in a car accident on ice-slicked roads on Saturday night. His wife said that she believed the ribs were only bruised and not cracked. The veteran statesman's wife received a slight head injury herself when the Attlee car slid across an icy road into a ditch.

Alabama student body is reported to have pledged a "no violence" policy if negro coed Autherine Lucy returns to classes. The girl was suspended last week after rioters tried to seize her. A Federal court will hold a hearing on February 20 to decide whether the university is compelled by law to reinstate Miss Lucy.

IBADAN, NIGERIA.—It was a quiet Sunday for Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh in their visit to this British colony. But top Nigerian ministers shattered the day's calm with an official blast against British newsmen covering the tour.

The West Nigeria Minister of Justice called the coverage of the tour "strange, scandalous and gruesome."

LONDON.—Prince Charles and Princess Anne will accompany the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on the Royal Family's tour of Sweden in June, it was reported. It would be the first state visit made by the youngsters.

SINGAPORE.—The official organ of the University of Malaya's socialist club Fejar accused Australia on Sunday of conducting "economic aggression" in Malaya. The student organ charged the Singapore and Malayan governments of being "weak-kneed" and "helplessly allowing a certain section of Malayan importers to be subjected to the dictates of Canberra."

The group specifically charged that "the spirit of healthy competition has gone" as the result of Australia's setting up a panel of 13 importers in Malaya and the subsequent exclusion from the apple and pear trade of several traders who had built up the trade for Australia.

LONDON.—Peter Townsend got married yesterday—but not the one you know. Townsend, a 25-year-old advertising copy writer, married actress Elizabeth Seal.

PNOM PENH, CAMBODIA.—Cambodian officials say that the forthcoming visit of Prince Norodom Sihanouk to China does not imply diplomatic recognition of the Peking regime. Officials said that Cambodia would maintain its neutrality.

TOKYO.—The unheard of happened here on Sunday. A member of the Diet commented on the question of a bride for 20-year-old Crown Prince Akihito. Liberal Yoshiko Kikuchi recommended to the Diet that the Imperial Household be advised against an early marriage for the Prince. Reporters say that never in history has the marital situation of a member of the Royal family been commented on in public by a Diet member.

TUSCALOOSA.—Eighty per cent of the University of

WASHINGTON.—US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is off on an 11-day vacation in the Caribbean. When he gets back, Dulles will leave on March 2 on a three-week tour of the Far East.

WASHINGTON.—US Air Force Secretary Donald Quarles categorically denied on Saturday Russia's charge that Air Force research balloons are being used for espionage behind the Iron Curtain. He said in a statement that the balloons were being used solely for weather research, the results of which would benefit all mankind.

OTTAWA.—Member of Parliament Gordon Churchill says that Canada's arms shipments policy can only result "in fanning the embers of war" in the Middle East.

HAKODATE.—Japanese fisheries firms here intend to continue preparations to send 10 fishing fleets, comprising 500 vessels, to the Northern Pacific in May despite reported Soviet government orders to stop them from catching salmon off the Pacific coast of Russia. Officials said they thought some agreement would be reached before hand in the Soviet-Japanese talks in London.

RABAT.—France's direct administration of Morocco has ended. Premier St. Laurent and Resident-General Andre-Louis Dubois signed an accord in Rabat on Saturday, thus pushing Morocco nearer to independence.

LONDON.—The P & O liner Carthage which was due at Tilbury tonight from Hongkong, has been delayed by bad weather. The ship now is expected to dock no earlier than Monday morning.—United Press.

Greyhound
Wins Crufts

London, Feb. 11.
A greyhound was tonight voted top exhibit at this year's Crufts show, Britain's premier dog show.
The dog—named "Goose"—is owned by Mr W. de Cusembrout and Miss H. Greenleaf of Guildford, in Surrey, and it is the first time for at least 30 years that a greyhound has won the prize.
It was the 20-month-old greyhound's first appearance at Crufts.—China Mail Special.

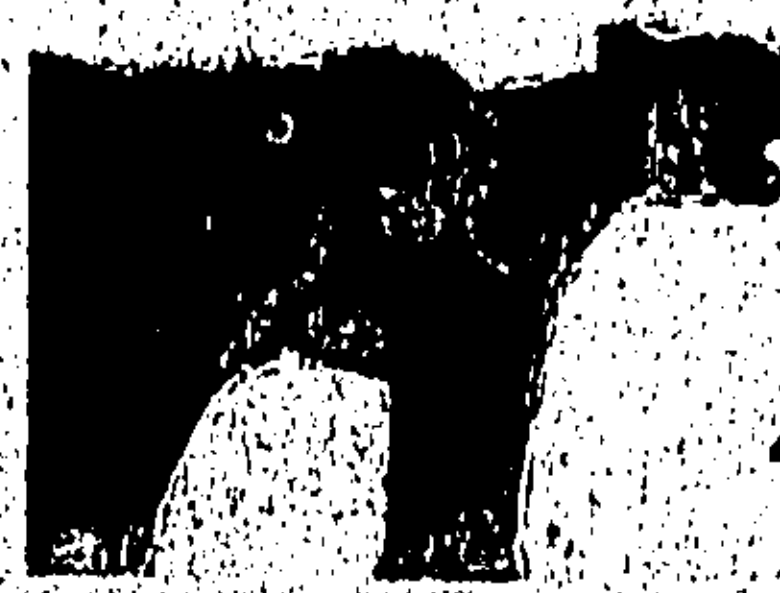
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It's just a trick, says the Judo Debutante

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A POLICEMAN OVER

HER SHOULDER

London. In a room above King's Cross Station two of last year's debutantes wrestled on the floor. Watching them were three detective constables, two police officers, one police cadet, and one woman constable. "That'll do," said the woman Caroline Hawke — her father is Chief Government Whip in the Upper House and Lord-in-Waiting

to the Queen — and Diana Timpson, honorary members of the police judo club, disentangled themselves and sat up, pulling their white jackets through their white belts.

The belts, first of the judo honours, were newly won. And it is only three months since the girls started coming to the weekly evening class held by the British Transport Police.

"We adore judo," said Diana, her face flushed with exertion and excitement. Caroline nodded, too breathless to speak.

Before the class, we had sat peacefully in Diana's Chelsea home and heard Caroline tell how their judo training had started. "Mummy was worried about my coming home in the dark —

into the fire. "You've got to see it to understand it."

The unbeliever promised to try to understand.

"There's the sheer exuberance of it," Diana went on. "Two minds are working against each other. You've always got to be a move ahead."

"Like chess?" "Well, yes. While you're doing it you're terribly happy. There's always

blue belt — two from the top — after five nights' practice a week for 14 months. "When you think, Diana, that we got our white belt after three months and those Cambridge men look fifteen. It's disgusting," murmured Caroline.

Talk was on the level of the mystic. "Do you remember," said Diana, "when I was thrown fifty times in three minutes?"

"What throws? O-gosh!" asked Caroline. "No. Take-loshi," replied Diana.

Again the uninitiated tried to understand how throwing your neighbour promotes a balanced personality, gives moral courage, as judo-enthusiasts claim.

"You're muddling this with Jiu-jitsu," said Miss Curry. "That's really savage. Judo is more graceful. It's slower. It's got rules."

"No squeezing of heads. No gouging of eyes," chorused the girls.

Still sceptical, I stood by the gasfire in the police club-room and waited for the gladiators to

by
ANNA LANDAU

the day after, of course, when you feel the bruises. But it's worth it — it's so exciting when you score."

For debutantes' mothers, worried that their daughters' escorts may be of the Not-Safe-In-Taxis Brigade, judo is obviously the answer.

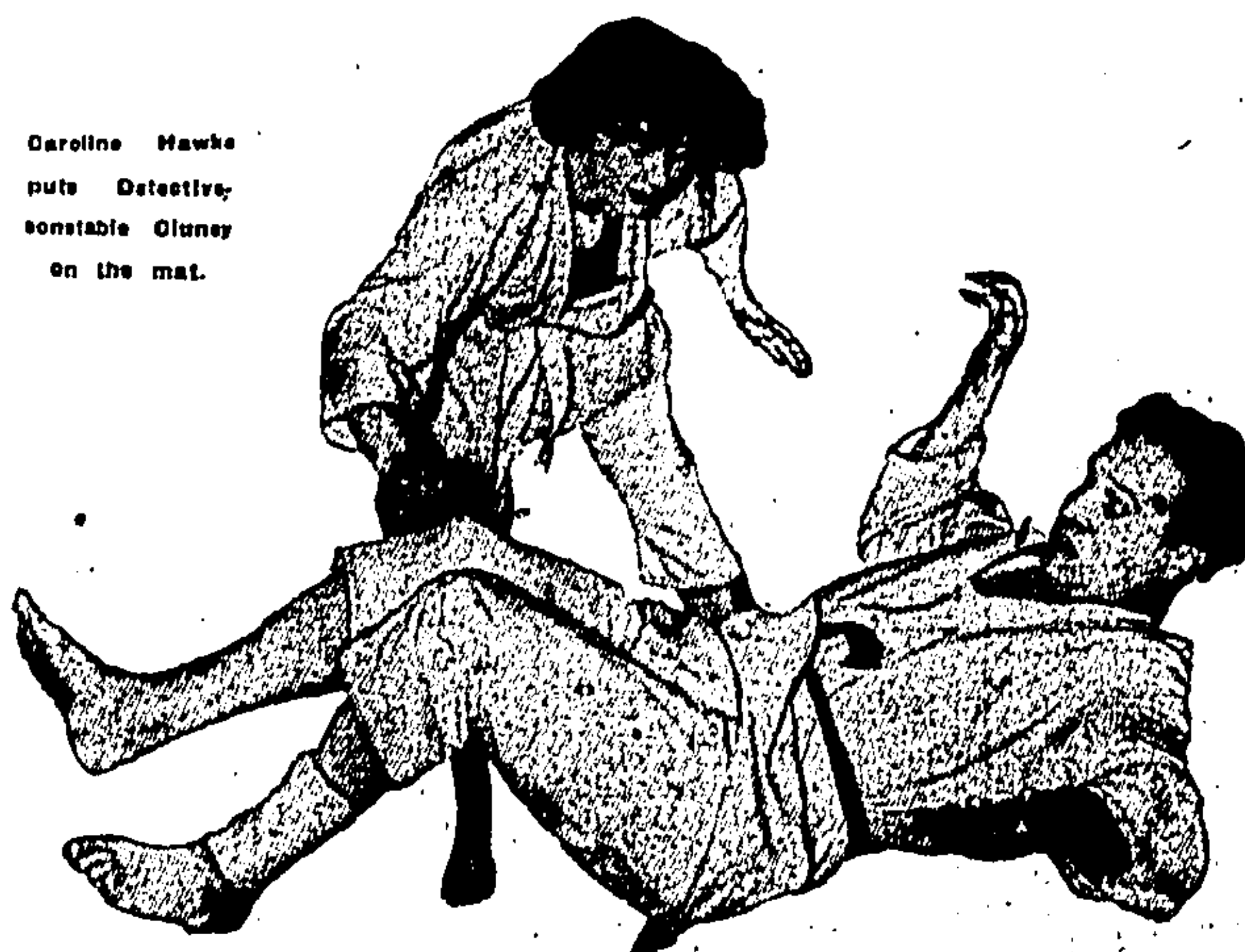
"But that's just a joke really," said Caroline. "Though our



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Caroline Hawke puts Detective Constable Olney on the mat.



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... OR ELSE YOU FIND YOU'RE ONE MOVE BEHIND

our home in Sussex is about half a mile from the station. One day when she was getting off the train at Victoria she saw a woman police constable. She thought she looked nice, so she asked her if women police learned self-defence.

Quite a coincidence that the policewoman in question was Elizabeth Curry, the only woman judo instructor in the whole of Britain's police force.

Now Caroline, whose family motto is "Strike," comes up from Sussex every week and takes Diana with her to hurl and be hurled on the police club floor.

Though Caroline is reading for the Bar, and Diana is busy with a secretarial course and Russian lessons, their week revolves round the few hours when sweaters and skirts are exchanged for the loose white clothes of the game.

Game? "It's a religion," said Diana firmly, staring

men friends are a bit frightened of us now."

With good cause. Diana's eyes shone as she said what a thrill it was to send a policeman over her shoulder. "It's not really tough, you know. It's just a trick."

Caroline finds the trick very useful. She has six younger sisters not yet old enough to learn how to counter-attack.

"Anyway, we'll defeat our own ends if too many people know judo," she said. "Girls should know it, but not Teddy Boys."

I was not converted. "Isn't all this very cold-blooded?"

Diana's look was pitying. "No. Judo is gentle. It means the way of gentleness."

"But you learn, scientifically, exactly how to kill people?"

"Well, we do know how to kill," replied Caroline. "But it's rather unofficial. I don't think we'd want to know that yet."

The gentle art for the gentle sex was further explained to the car. Diana drove us to King's Cross, picking up Elizabeth Curry on the way. "The debutantes? They'll never stick at it," said Caroline and Diana, with some superiority, and went on teasing policemen on to the mat.

enter. Six hefty policemen came tumbling in, handspringing on to the mat and landing with resounding flops as their arms worked as shock-absorbers.

Miss Curry took the class through their exercises. It might have been a meeting of the League of Health and Beauty.

Then came the contests. Silently competitors bowed to each other frog-fashion from each end of the mat. Then they got up, ambled casually across to the middle, gripped each other's collars and began a slow dance, bare feet skating over the mat, eyes grimly watching every move of the other's legs.

As Caroline twisted to throw Detective Constable Cluney, ex-Arnhem commando, and a 16-stone master of unarmed combat, another constable smiled appreciatively. "Good thing for women, this. Gives them a confident aggressiveness. It must be controlled, I think, but men have had the field too long."

Will this thing that every girl should know now become part of a debutante's basic training? "The debutantes? They'll never stick at it," said Caroline and Diana, with some superiority, and went on teasing policemen on to the mat.

IN SYRIA Smuggling Is Big Business

By CHARLES ANDERSON

Damascus. I HAVE just returned from the semi-illegal business of smuggling caterpillars into Syria. By caterpillars I don't mean the furry type but ugly, yellow mechanical monsters highly prized by Syrian farmers. These caterpillars, or agricultural tractors, are supplied in large numbers to Turkish farmers under the "Point Four" programme, but — and enter the smuggling temptation — are rare and expensive in Syria.

Each caterpillar costs approximately 8,000 Turkish lira (\$1,000) on a long-term repayment plan. Simple plan. Except that the Turkish farmer doesn't wait that long. After using the caterpillar for a few days he passes it on by devious but highly efficient means to a "dealer" on the Syrian frontier for 10,000 lira or approximately £250 profit per tractor. The Turkish farmer then makes the official repayments on a tractor he doesn't possess any longer — and pockets the £250. Which is where I started my real investigations into this neat little border racket.

HIS PROFIT

Knowing something of Arab mentality I was convinced that a Syrian would present his Turkish neighbour with a gift of £250 for nothing. And how right I was.

Legally the Syrian dealer can buy all the Turkish money he wishes on the "free market" in Aleppo, so that the 10,000 lira paid to the farmer would cost him 3,000 Syrian pounds (£300). With tractors so highly prized in his own country his next step is simple. He resells for £500, thus netting himself a profit of at least £100 on each machine, after clearing all expenses.

It seemed that everybody was happy — except of course the Turkish Government. Just how strongly the Turkish Government objects to the whole caterpillar smuggling business is evident from the fact that, in order to discourage this sort of "trading," the Turks have mined large sectors of the Syro-Turkish frontier.

No Arab, however, thinks twice about risking a few minefields and, without losing face, it was difficult to refuse when Abdullah El-Hazim, a well-known Aleppo "dealer" ("smuggler" in plain English), suggested accompanying him on one of his trading missions.

SAFETY PATH

Our journey from Aleppo to Kilis — few miles across the frontier — in a ten-year-old jeep, on a cold, wet January day, was uneventful. Abdullah was well-known at the frontier posts, and we passed through with diplomatic expediency, clattering and banging over the rocky road to the picturesque but dirty town of Kilis.

After leaving me at the one hotel, Abdullah disappeared with the jeep. It was seven that evening before he returned, with the news that he had bought three caterpillars, and we should be leaving for Azaz (home again in Syria) in two hours.

As we sat over our meal of lamb giban and laban (fried mutton and yoghurt), I ventured an inquiry about the mines. Abdullah was obviously shocked at my distrust of his operational ability.

"Mines all fixed." This assurance was followed by the explanation that he had organised a taped safety path through the minefields. We had only to follow the tape with our three caterpillars lurching along behind us and the operation would be over.

RENDEZVOUS

Abdullah also told me that the Turkish patrol for that night would be some miles to the eastward. I sincerely hoped he knew, for Turkish patrols invariably shoot on sight and ask questions afterwards.

As we left the little restaurant, we found the night clear and starry, with a bitterly cold wind blowing down from the Caucasus. We clambered into the jeep and clanged and clanked along the stony road to our rendezvous.

Outside a dilapidated farmhouse we found the three caterpillars, each attached to a pair of buffaloes. "Buffalo, he makes no noise," explained Abdullah. And so we set off. Abdullah giving instructions to a team of six "helpers" who had suddenly appeared, and himself picking up the white thread which had been laid earlier that evening.

On the soft ploughed earth the revolving caterpillar tracks made no noise, and our strange conveyance moved slowly towards the frontier. Almost an instant later, through a flurry of snowflakes, the winding road to Syria lay bathed in a light of red.

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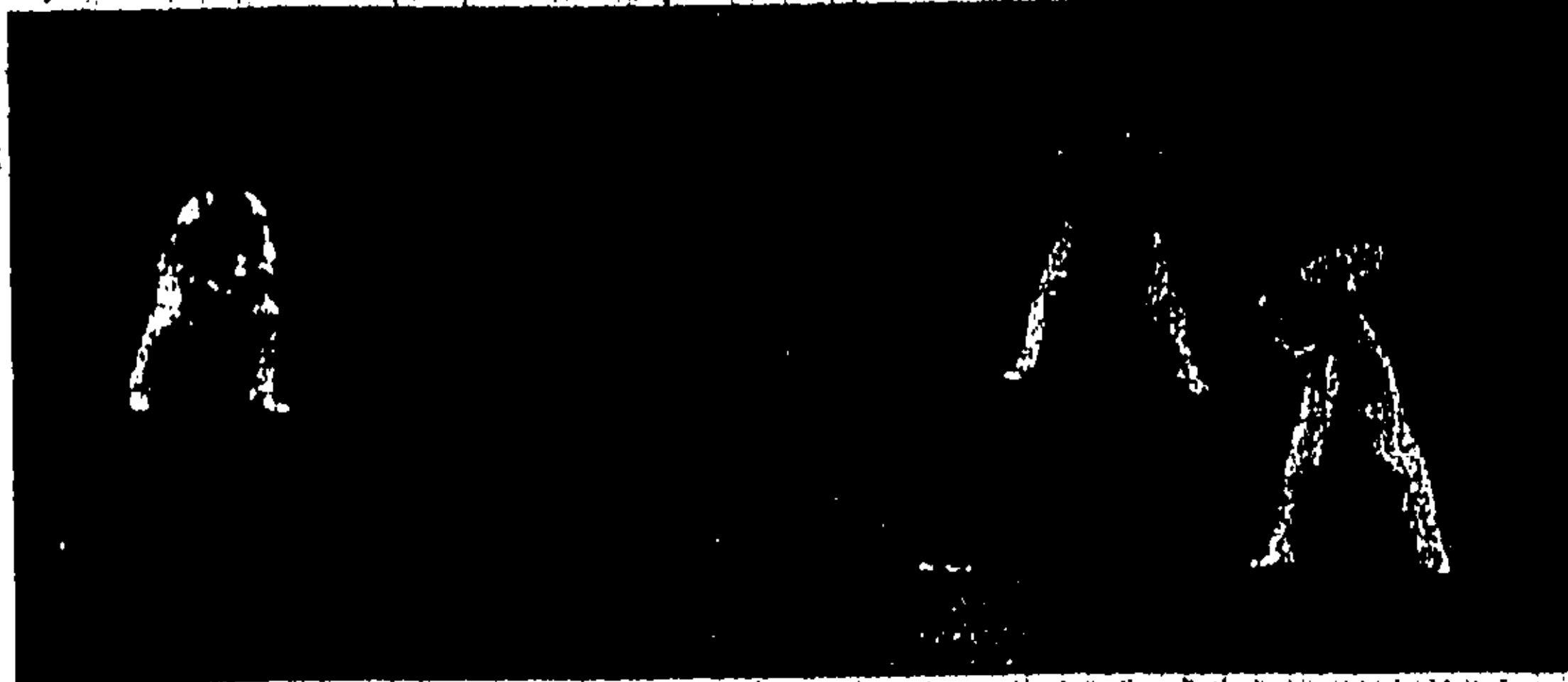
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HOME SOCCER REVIEW

CHARLTON SURPRISE WITH A 5-1 VICTORY OVER WEST BROMWICH ALBION

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Watch out, Arsenal. Bobby Ayre is back to form. That warning was taken back to Highbury tonight by Leslie Compton who spent the afternoon sizing up Charlton, Arsenal's opponents in the Cup next week.

That was about the only impression Compton could have had. For weather conditions which turned Charlton's Valley into something more like an ice rink than a football pitch made it impossible to assess form.

My because England team manager Walter Winterbottom—another interested spectator—might have gained a few facts worth noting in his little black book otherwise.

But back to Ayre. The little inside-right and former young England centre-forward led Charlton back to the victory trail—their first since late December. Albion led by Nicholl's goal at the interval.

Two goals by Ayre and Kierman-Ryan goals both made by Ayre—made at 4-1. Buck Ryan hit the fifth. Stars of this smash hit shock win were centre-half Hewie and his fellow South African Syd. Ollman at right-half. Frank Reed, twenty-two-year-old goalkeeper making his League debut in place of 16-

Jured Sam Bartram, didn't put a foot—or a hand—wrong.

BIGGER SURPRISE

Bigger surprise of the day was Manchester United's two-1 win over Luton—and at Luton too. United were without right-back Foulkes and wing-halves Colman and Edwards—on Army football duty. But Violet and Whelan goals—one for each half—kept Manchester on top of Division One.

Blackwell went down to a Ford goal at Cardiff but retain second spot. Wolves move up into third position as a result of a 4-2 win over Bolton.

Poor Joe Dean, the 18-year-old youth goalkeeper was making his League debut for Bolton. He gave Wolves their first goal when he punched a Hancock corner into his own net. But reports indicate how well he made up for that error later on.

It seems the ice suited more sides than Charlton. Huddersfield skated to a two-one victory at Preston where bustling Dave Hickson got both Huddersfield goals. But it was not enough to

lift Huddersfield from bottom position in the table.

A 4-1 home win over Hull City keeps Sheffield Wednesday on top of Division Two and their visitors at the bottom. Swansea are in second place two points behind Wednesday as a result of their away 2-2 draw with Leeds.

Next come Bristol City, Bristol Rovers and Leicester, all level with 34 points.

SHOCK DEFEAT

A shock 1-0 defeat for Ipswich at Crystal Palace may mean no promotion for Alf Ramsey's boys. For Leyton Orient, by way of saying thanks to Ex-Manager Alec Stock, beat Reading at home and are only a point behind leaders Ipswich with two games in hand. Brighton, who are up to date with their fixtures, gained both points in their home match with Shrewsbury and are in third spot.

In the Third Division North Accrington suffered a setback on their own ground where Grimsby won by the only goal of the match. But Accrington are still in front with Southport, who beat Chesterfield, behind on goal average. Derby County and Grimsby are one point behind and Hartlepool, beaten five to one at Scunthorpe today, one point behind them.

A Record For HMS Dampier

A record set by Mr Eric Moller the Sunday before last stood for exactly a week, an excited voice told the sports editor of the China Mail early yesterday morning.

A bigger tuna mackerel has been caught in Lamma Channel. This 140-lb. monster is now on ice somewhere behind the gates that admit one on to the lower deck of the concrete ship HMS Torstar.

According to latest reports, it may even be eaten. This sizable fish, though having more body weight, was apparently not quite in the same physical trim as was Mr Moller's tuna mackerel. It took 45 minutes to haul in, but two hefty stokers by the name of Mc-Lemman and Wells helped it into the boat.

Men behind the line was SPO Bruce Flock of HMS Dampier, better known as a fair darts player, an indifferent snooker player and a very patient top recorder behind Hongkong's first world record.

The record-breaking crew were all from HMS Dampier, under command of Commodore Bontswain Mantle.

Parry O'Brien Sets New World Shot Put Mark

New York, Feb. 12.

Parry O'Brien, American holder of the world indoor and outdoor Shot Put records, set new figures for the indoor event with a throw of 69 feet nine inches at the New York Athletic Club games at Madison Square Garden last night.

His previous indoor record was 59 feet 5 1/2 inches. Charles Jenkins, the coloured runner, beat the world indoor record for 500 yards of 56.8 seconds, by clocking 56.4 seconds in the "Buermyer 500."

Ron Delaney, with hope for the Olympic 1,500 Metres this year, became the third overseas runner in 45 years to win the famous Baxter Mile, but his time of 4 mins 14 secs was well outside the record.

The crowd boomed the slow pace at which the race was run.

—Reuter.

Arkinstall Wins Indian Tennis Title

Jaipur, India, Feb. 12.

Jack Arkinstall beat A. D. Marshall in the All-Australian Men's Singles final of the Rajasthani State Lawn Tennis Championships here today.

Arkinstall won 6-1, 6-4, 1-6, 6-0.

In the All-German final of the Women's Singles, Fraulein Totia Zehden beat Frau Inge Volger 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.—Reuter.



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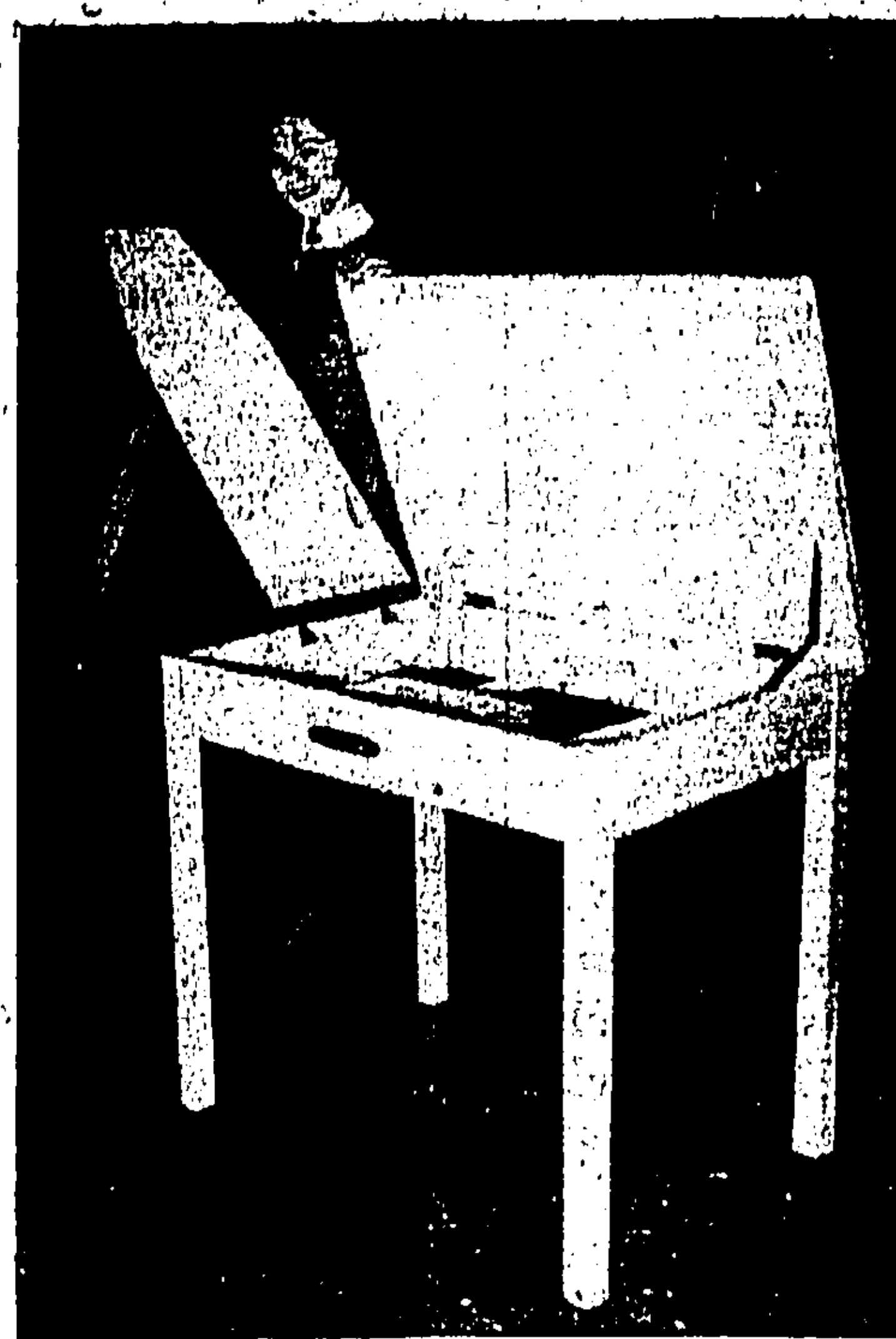
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SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

It's A Kitchen Space-Saver



A new idea in kitchen furniture — the Fleetway
combined table and ironing-board — is inspected by
Pat Mainwaring at the British Furniture Exhibition
at Earl's Court, London.—Reuterphoto.

More US Firms Build
Factories In Scotland

One of the most re-
markable developments of
post-war industry in Scot-
land has been the establish-
ment of North American
companies there.

The 18 firms which have
started production since the war
were, up till two years ago,
operating two million square
feet (185,800 square metres) of
factory space. They include
such firms as Burroughs Adding
Machines, Ltd., National Cash
Register Company Ltd., Inter-
national Business Machines,
Ltd., UK Time Ltd., a subsidiary
of one of the largest clock and
watchmaking organisations in
the USA, and several others.

Since then these firms have added,
or now have under con-
struction, over one million
square feet more factory space
and their employment roll has
risen by over 3,500 to about
13,000.

In the past two years eight
more firms with a wide range
of production have decided to
join their compatriots in Scot-

land. Among these are the In-
ternational Latex Corporation
and the Sunbeam Electric Com-
pany, which when its building
plan is completed will be one of
the largest of the American
companies in Scotland and will
be a most important employer
of Scottish labour in Lanark-
shire. Its new plant, established
in the new town of East
Kilbride, will produce a great
variety of the Sunbeam Electric
products.

Other firms at an earlier
stage of development in Scot-
land, include the Goodyear
Tyre and Rubber Company,
Ltd. which has taken over a
considerable site on the out-
skirts of Glasgow, the Cleve-
land Twist Drill Company (GB)
Ltd. and Union Carbide Ltd.
The Board of Trade in Glas-
gow and the Scottish Council
(Development and Industry)
are doing everything possible to
help other American companies
to take part in the develop-
ment of industries in Scotland.

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standing up at 40 miles an hour using both
hands to drink a cup of tea.

This British answer to Con-
tinental motor scooters has a
streamlined pressed steel body
with running boards and large
leg shields.

Ideal as a runabout, it is
powered by a 225 cubic centi-
metre Villiers two-stroke
engine and can cruise all day at
30 miles an hour. Top speed is
over 65 miles an hour and fuel
consumption is 84 miles a
gallon. An unladen weight of
280 lbs. gives the remarkably
good power to weight ratio of
1.2 lbs. per cubic centimetre.

The engine, totally enclosed, is
cooled by air ducts.

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ignition switch, separate light-
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knob. In front of the panel is
a big seven-inch headlamp.
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are a unique fitting and another
feature is the luxurious suspen-
sion system; there are Earles-
type forks in the front and
swinging arms at the rear.

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and tyres to be quickly removed
from the scooter and also from
each other.

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Sugar Factory For
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In Glasgow

A Glasgow-built sugar
factory and refinery has
recently been erected in
Venezuela and handed
over to the operators.

After a period of trials the
factory is due to be opened in
December.

The factory is at Rio Turbio
and it is to process 2,500 tons
of white sugar cane per day
with a possible extension to
4,000 tons at a later date.

The Scottish contractors,
Muirhead Watson Company Ltd.,
who were also responsible for
the design of the factory, have
in recent months built plant in
the Dominican Republic, St.
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The "Rio Turbio" factory is
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tandem, with five turbines each
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STRAITS	
"TILUWAI"	Feb. 11 Singapore
"TISADANE"	Feb. 22 Singapore
"TIPONDOK"	Mar. 2 Singapore
"VAN WAERWICK"	Mar. 7 Singapore
"TISADANE"	Mar. 18 Singapore
"TILUWAI"	Mar. 19 Singapore
"TIPONDOK"	Mar. 22 Singapore

MANILA	
"TISADANE"	Mar. 9 Manila

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"SCHOUTEN"	Mar. 22 Mahé, Zanzibar, Tanga, Zanzibar,
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ARRIVALS FROM:	
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Indonesia, S'pore	In Port Buoy A-2	"TILUWAI"
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Japan	Feb. 20	"TISADANE"

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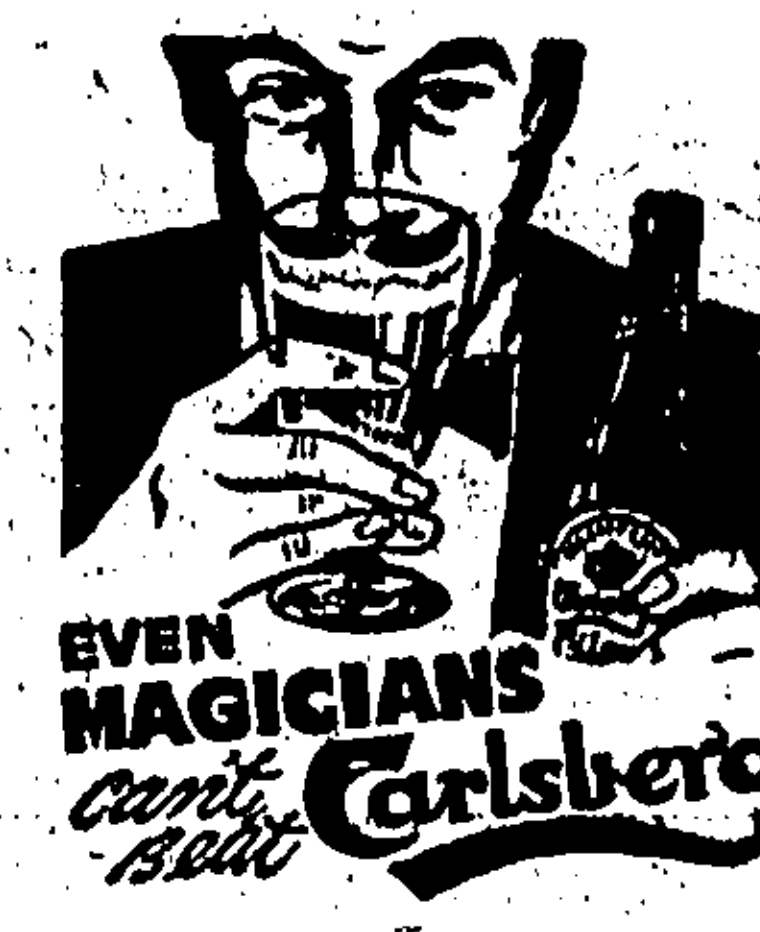
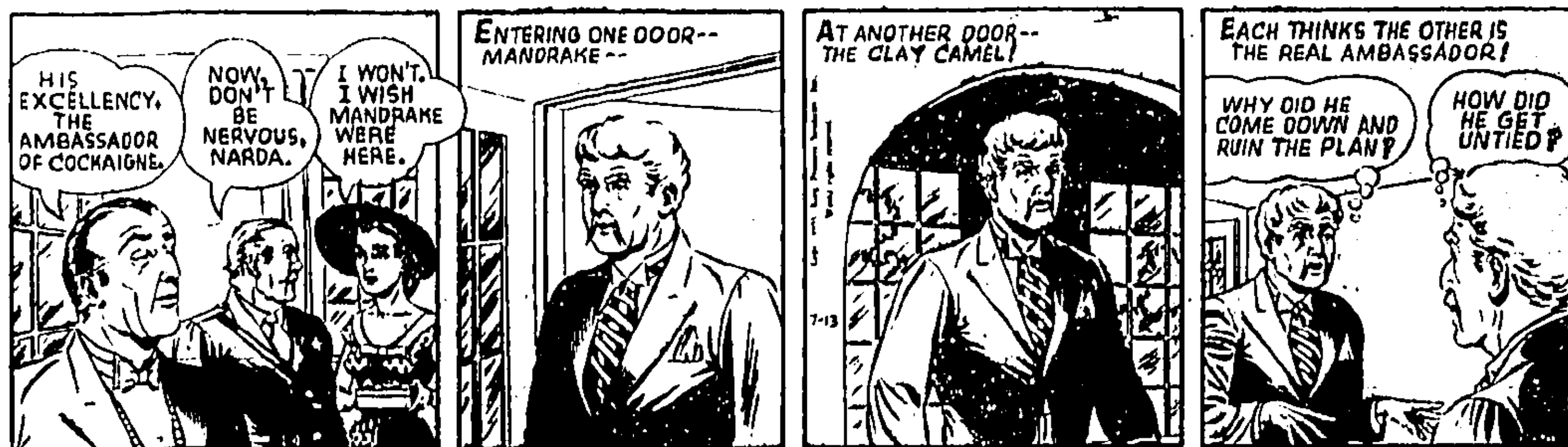
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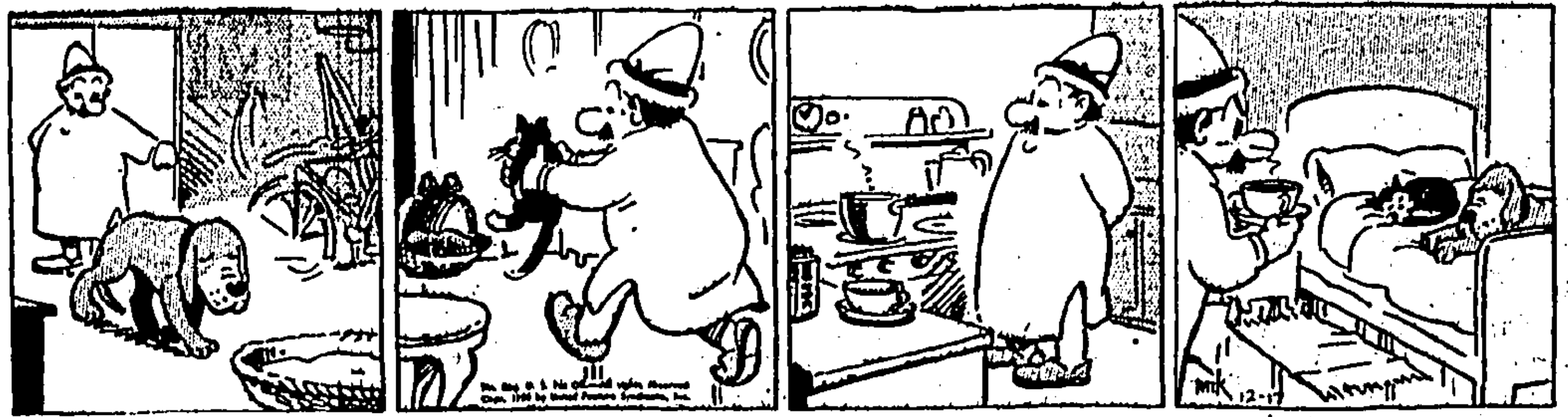
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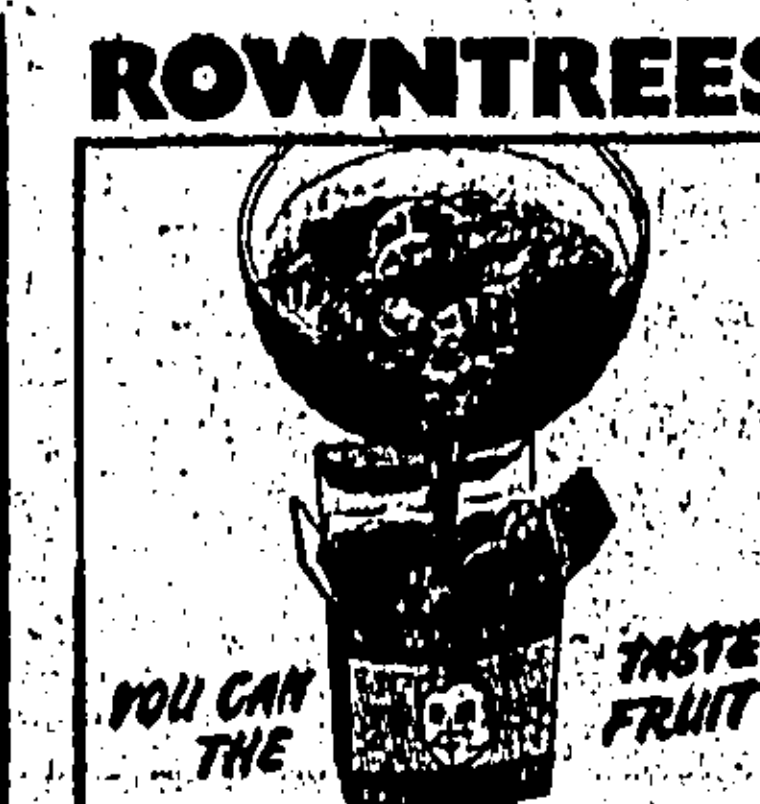
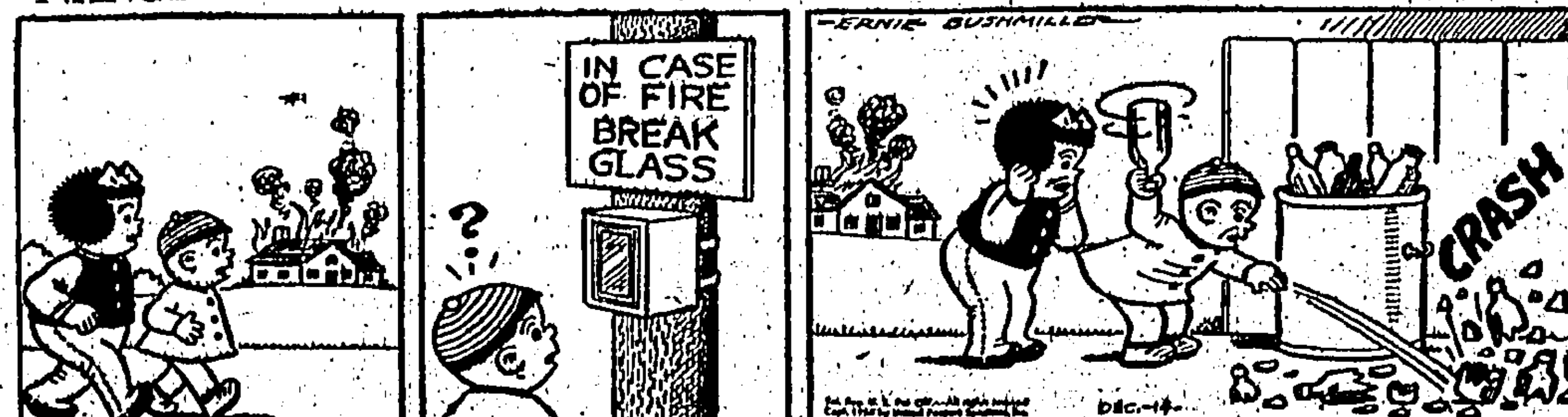
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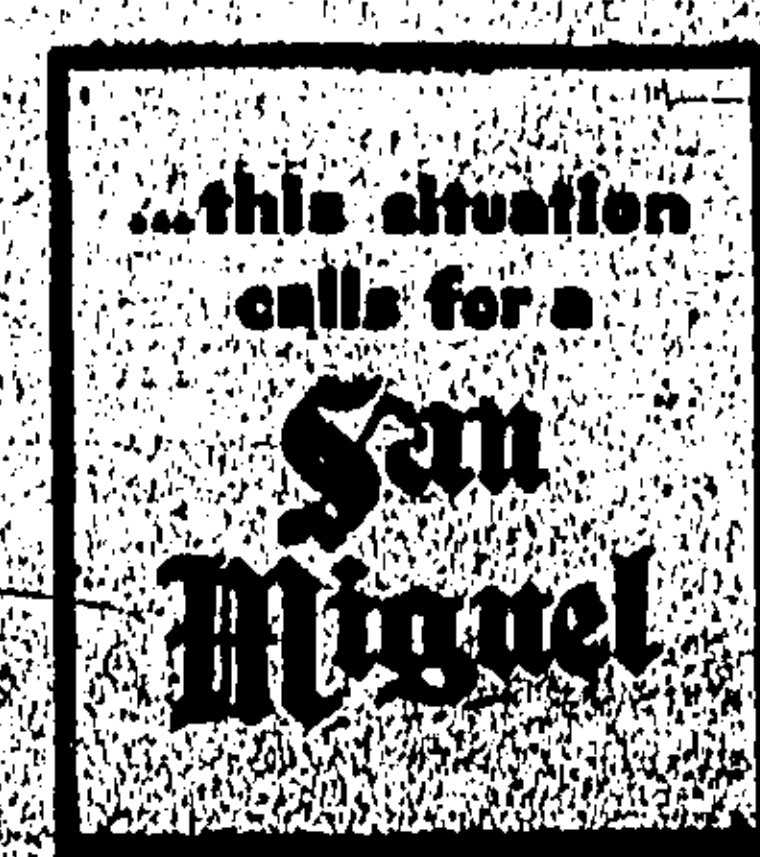
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"JAPAN BEAR" (Mariner)	San Francisco	Feb. 24	Feb. 25	Okinawa & Manila
"JAPAN BEAR" (Mariner)	Philippines	Mar. 7	Mar. 8	San Francisco & Los Angeles
"GOLDEN BEAR" (Mariner)	San Francisco	Mar. 7	Mar. 8	Okinawa & Manila

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TRADE AND COMMERCE SECTION

The Sterling Area Has Decided Advantages

From Ronald Boxall

London, Feb. 20.

Satisfaction rather than relief is the proper reaction to the decision that Malaya will remain in the sterling area after attainment of self-government next year.

When it is considered that the colonies produce something like twice as much gold and dollars as the rest of the sterling countries put together and that Malaya is the biggest dollar earner of them all, the importance of Malaya's membership of the sterling area is self-evident.

But the Malayan politicians who attended the London conference and took part in the "full and frank" discussions of the colony's position in the sterling area did not decide to remain in it out of loyalty alone.

Common Knowledge

They agreed that their continued membership was to the common advantage of the Federation and other sterling countries.

How advantageous that membership is to the remainder of the sterling area is already a matter of common knowledge. Malaya produces about one-third of the world's natural rubber and in all of these two commodities are among the sterling area's biggest dollar earners. Between them they earned \$175 million in 1954 and this figure is believed to have been raised to \$225 million last year.

The value of Malaya's contribution to the sterling area's dollar pool cannot be underrated. But it should not be assumed that because of this that its membership of the sterling area is a one-sided bargain. There are distinct advantages on Malaya's side. So-called advantages which will not automatically disappear when the colony becomes self-governing and may indeed increase.

Nor is Malaya the only colony which has decided on the thresh-

old of self-government to link its future with that of the sterling area. Nigeria and the Gold Coast—who, like Malaya, are large net contributors to the central dollar reserves—have also decided to remain within the sterling area when they gain their independence. What is it that makes these countries want to continue their association with the sterling area when they are given a free choice? Why do they not keep the dollars they earn instead of selling them to the British Exchange Equalisation Fund and getting sterling balances in return? Why if they are a large net earner of dollars do they continue to restrict their imports from America so that other sterling countries can remain net spenders of dollars?

Present Position

One answer to these questions is that dollars are not everything despite the importance attached to them in all discussions on world trade. In 1954 (the last year for which figures are available) the colonies spent £81 million on imports from the United States and £25 million from Canada. But their imports from the rest of the sterling area amounted to £600 million and those from Western Europe, which are also paid for in sterling, were worth £171 million. There is no doubt which of the two currencies is the most

important to the colonies. But the advantage of belonging to the select group of countries having sterling as their common currency does not end there. The answer to those who accuse Britain of "holding her colonies" was given at some length by Dr Ida Greaves in her book "Colonial Monetary Conditions."

"When we look at the present position of the colonial territories," she wrote, "we see that they are an integral part of the world's largest monetary area, the sterling area, that their own currencies are normally stable in relation to sterling, and that they have no balance of payments problems in the usual sense of the term."

"If a colony is unable to meet its external obligations it is because of the lack of money—not because of lack of foreign exchange. As long as the money is available, it can be transferred to London without any difficulty and converted into foreign currencies and on whatever terms prevailing regulations permit."

Other Advantages

"Colonies also have internal interest rates distinctly lower than those of dependent countries with comparable types of economy, and they can borrow in London on terms as favourable as those of Her Majesty's Government, which are better than those enjoyed by foreign countries when they use the London capital market. In short it might be said that the colonies have monetary stability without the necessity of maintaining financial solvency."

"And as a concomitant of the way in which their monetary relations with the United Kingdom have developed, they are relieved of a need of a system of internal taxation adequate for maintaining the exchange value of their currency, on lines corresponding to the taxation in the United Kingdom which supports the value of sterling by restricting consumption."

Dr Greaves lists other advantages that the colonies enjoy through their membership of the sterling area: advantages "which no country should treat lightly." If some colonies should decide on attaining self-government to end their association with the sterling area in spite of greater instability and higher costs this would involve, she adds, "it should not be too readily assumed that such a severance would be of detriment to the United Kingdom."

Too Ready

This too ready assumption is often noticeable in discussions on the part played by Malaya and West African colonies in

the sterling area system. But the fact is that both sides would suffer if these colonies severed their link with other sterling countries. Once this fact is clearly understood the question "who gets the most out of what?" becomes irrelevant. — London Express Service.

London Stocks Take Pounding

By C. T. Hallinan

London, Feb. 13.
Markets took a fairly serious pounding last week.

Apparently the fear was that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, unable to find much evidence that the measures thus far taken effectively checked the country's inflationary prices, would do something drastic, like suddenly lifting the bank rate up from its present 4½ per cent to 6 per cent or even 6½ per cent.

Those who had borrowed money from their bank would find themselves paying interest at the rate of, say, 8 per cent. Those alarmed at this possibility began last week selling their gilt-edged stocks or their high-grade industrial shares in order to raise cash and pay off their indebtedness.

Shocking

The selling of British government stocks was fairly shocking. War Loan fell 3s 9d, the lowest it has ever been. Old Consols—known for a century as "the safest investment in the world"—tumbled 2½s 6d to 5½s sterling. Hardly any of the medium or long-dated issues lost less than 20 shillings.

Apparently no bargain-hunters appeared. Among the blue chip industrial shares there was visible a similar urgent desire to get hold of ready cash. Shares like Rolls-Royce and Associated Electricals lost 4 shillings over the week.—United Press.

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Feb. 13.
The Bank of England statement for the week ended Feb. 8, reads as follows:—
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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Strange Effect Of Waterfront Strike

From H. King Wood

Sydney, Feb. 7.

One strange effect of the waterfront strike has been that industries which for months have been looking for labour suddenly find it has too much offering and the bosses suspect that much of it is coming from wharves who are on strike. A particular case in point is the Olympic Stadium in Melbourne. The contractors were afraid that a shortage of labour would delay its completion until right on deadline when, all of a sudden, along comes a flood of applicants for labouring jobs.

"And most of them had the broad shoulders and biceps seen around the waterfront," said one foreman.

Australia's most powerful union—the Australian Workers' Union, which takes under its broad wing all pastoral workers—has decided to give its blessing to shearing competition.

It decided this by defeating a motion by a South Australian delegate to the annual convention in Sydney that the AWU should sever all connection with such competitions.

The mover of the motion, Mr. D. Cameron, said that that quarter compared the competition results with what shearers accomplished in their own sheds. He said the graziers were the only people who benefited by the competition.

The Union's national president, Mr. H. O. Davis, said the first official shearing competition was held under the auspices of the AWU. He said the competitions would go on whether the AWU banned them or not and it was better that they were properly controlled.

And that's what the meeting decided.

A CHINESE WILL

A little bit of the mysterious East, except into a Sydney court one day last week.

Back in March, 1951, Yuen Yip-pak, a casual labourer of a Sydney suburb, wrote to his son Yuen Wing-chin in China:

"I have reached the worn out age... Just like a candle in the wind... unfortunately, although my wallet is not full, I have some small savings."

The letter, written in Chinese characters, and containing a great deal of simple philosophy was, in effect, a will leaving his all to his son.

Two months later Yuen Yip-pak died aged 70.

When he had news of his father's death Yuen Wing-chin sent the letter to two Chinese merchants in Sydney, who had it translated by a Sydney barrister. It was granted probate as a will in the Supreme Court last week.

Yuen Yip-pak, who said in the letter that he had unsuccessfully tried to get a passage back to China "so that our family can meet as one happy circle and my health can be restored," left an estate of \$1,078.

A RED RAC

Leader of the State Opposition, Liberal Pat Morton, threw another red rag into the political ring last week when he said that he had had talks with heads of the American Construction firm about building and operating the famed Eastern Suburbs railway.

The Eastern Suburbs railway has been a plan for many years and was authorised in 1946. In the last 10 years it has been started and stopped many times. Its opening would complete the city's underground railway system. All work done on it, which really has been considerable, has been by employees of the Government Department of Public Works.

The American firm mentioned by Mr. Morton is the huge Utah Construction Company. Its vice president, J. D. Fog, said later that he had discussed the rail link with Mr. Morton some months ago. He said his company had built many railroads overseas, but had never operated one.

The Utah company is engaged in many huge projects in this country, including work on the Olympic site.

BILLY GRAHAM ARRIVES

Dr Billy Graham, the noted American evangelist, was given one of Hong-kong's biggest welcomes by a crowd of nearly 300 when he arrived in the Colony by PAL from Manila yesterday.

He will stay in the Colony three days.

As he stepped off the plane the crowd raised their hands and broke into a hymn "This is my story, this is my song."

He was nearly mobbed when he stepped out of the Customs shed.

"I did not anticipate such a welcome on such a cloudy day," he said, after being introduced to a few people.

Dr Graham told a press conference he was grateful for such a welcome and was glad to have this opportunity to visit "this wonderful city."

"I am here solely to present Christ, who is the answer to the individual and to the nations of the world," he said.

'Overwhelming'

He said his reception in India was "overwhelming" and he was deeply touched with the devotion people showed.

He said he heard rumours that he would be invited to Russia by the Southern Baptists and he indicated he would accept such an invitation.

Dr Graham's visit to Hong-kong is sponsored by the Chinese Christian Churches' Union.

Dr Graham will address a special meeting for clergymen and other Christian workers at the Pool Ching School tomorrow at 10 a.m.

In the evening a crusade meeting will be held at the South China Football Stadium. It was announced that when the stadium has been filled to capacity, the gates will be closed and the people will be directed to Hongkong Government stadium.

The HK Billy Graham Crusade Committee will greatly appreciate it if the public will give their full co-operation, and follow directions.

Late Train

The gates of the stadium will open at 8.15 pm and the organ prelude starts at seven. The service will begin at 7.30 pm.

The railway will operate a late train from Kowloon to the New Territories tomorrow evening departing from Kowloon station at 10.45 pm.

Among those at the airport to meet Dr Graham were members of the HK Billy Graham committee, Dr David Morren, the Rev. J. R. Killman, the Rev. W. C. Newton, Mr D. Cheng, the Rev. Daniel Chung, Mr Lam Chi-fung, Mr C. A. Riggs, the Rev. John Bechtel.

Dr P. Maddox, Mr George Burman and Mr John Bolton, who are travelling with Dr Graham arrived earlier yesterday by Pan American.

Exuberance Leads To Court

Fifty persons were convicted at Central Magistracy yesterday on charges of letting off fire-crackers to the danger of the public over the Chinese New Year.

Of these there was only one case in which an injury was caused. Yuen Chai-fai, 24, pleaded guilty to discharging a fire-cracker which exploded close to a Chinese woman in Wanchai, and burned her neck.

Yuen was fined \$50 by Mr J. E. Durling.

Western and Central Districts had the least number of arrests for this offence with one case each, while 37 were arrested and charged in Eastern and seven in Shaukwai. Five juveniles were also fined.

The fines ranged between \$50 to cautions.

CONSPIRACY CHARGES

Three men appeared before Mr J. E. Durling at Central yesterday on a charge of conspiracy to utter forged documents with intent to defraud.

They were Lam Man-san, 39, sole proprietor of Yenstone and Co., of 40 Chung Wah Street, second floor; Ng Pak-ang, 43, assistant manager of Yenstone and Co., of 10 Java Street, fourth floor; Cheung Chu-man, 42, manager of Yue Tak Co., of 1 Clau Man Street, first floor.

It is alleged that the offence was committed on diverse dates between January 1 and February 11.

Mr Peter Mo appeared for all three defendants, who were remanded on bail of \$5,000 each for seven days.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Why don't you try something besides crooning, George? The baby sitter says he goes to sleep watching her practise ballet!"

Escaped Prisoner Pleads For Justice

London, Feb. 11.

Millions of Britons last night heard the voice of an escaped convict, who broke out of prison three months ago while serving a 12-year-old sentence, pleading on television for justice, which he said "has been denied to me."

He is Alfred George Hinds, 30, who was sentenced in 1953 for his part in the theft of £38,000 from a London furniture store.

Since he escaped, Hinds has written to several newspapers and members of Parliament claiming he is innocent and offering to give himself up if he is granted a Home Office inquiry into his case.

He had recorded his voice for last night's broadcast on Britain's commercial television service—and sent it by post to his wife. She sat in a studio while it was being played.

"This recording has been made by me in an attempt to bring some of the facts before the public," the voice said.

"I know the methods by which I am hoping to put matters right are unorthodox, but I have spent two years trying to right this wrong in an orthodox manner."

AS LAST RESORT

His escape, he said, was "a last desperate resort after all else had failed."

"Before I escaped I had proved beyond reasonable doubt by new evidence obtained since my trial that it was not possible that the allegations made against me could be true."

"I submitted this evidence to the authorities only to be met with evasion and a blunt refusal to discuss the matter."

After the broadcast, the recording was passed to Scotland Yard detectives.

Mr Hinds has always maintained that he does not know where her husband is in hiding or how he is living.

But in case he was listening to the broadcast she sent him this message: "I send you my love, darling."

"I shall carry on the fight until I prove your innocence," China Mail Special.

NEW YEAR GAMBLERS

The Chinese New Year, which was celebrated with the usual vigour by local gamblers, swelled Government's coffers yesterday when 120 gamblers from all over the island were fined various amounts for gambling by Central Court Magistrate.

Mr Hin-sing Lo, Mr Thomas Tam and Mr J. E. Durling dealt out fines ranging from \$50 to cautions to men and women arrested for street gambling or gambling in common gaming houses. The games played ranged from Pai Gon and poker to dice.

"A COURAGEOUS EXPERIMENT"

Po Leung Kuk Bazaar At Chinese New Year

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. B. C. K. Hawkins, CMG, OBE, in declaring the Po Leung Kuk's fund raising charity bazaar, situated on the central reclamation, open on Sunday morning, congratulated the committee on the very fine piece of work in which every member had more than played his part.

The bazaar, open for four days, from 11 in the morning to 11 at night, will help to finance a building programme which will enable the Po Leung Kuk to provide additional accommodation.

Met on arrival by Mr Hui Ngok, chairman of the Po Leung Kuk, Mr and Mrs Hawkins were introduced to members of the committee assembled at the entrance, before proceeding into the bazaar compound.

Following the chairman's speech, in which he extended a welcome to all present, Mr Hawkins said in part:

"The bazaar which I am going to open this morning is the result of a lot of hard work by the Committee of the Po Leung Kuk, in general, and the bazaar committee in particular. The object, as you all know, is to raise funds for the execution of a building programme which will not only provide the Po Leung Kuk with additional accommodation but will also enable them to redistribute their inmates in accordance with the advice they have received from experts in the field of institutional management."

"The building programme has been the subject of much discussion between the Committee, the Social Welfare Officer and myself, and I may say, it has my full approval and support, but I must confess I was somewhat taken aback when the chairman, Mr Hui Ngok, suddenly sprang on me his proposal to raise funds for this project by the holding of a bazaar during the period of the Chinese New Year holiday."

"For one thing I did not see how the committee were going to have the bazaar ready for opening in the very short time at their disposal, and for another, I have always thought of Chinese New Year as a time when nobody did anything except pay visits and let off firecrackers. Altogether it seemed to me that Mr Hui and his Committee were embarking on a very courageous experiment which might or might not be successful."

"Of course, I should have known better than to have any doubts at all about the capacity of the Po Leung Kuk Committee to get the job done in time. I have had too much experience of their energy and ability in other spheres that I should have known that a little thing like organising a Bazaar in about three weeks would just be taken in their stride. Nevertheless I should like to congratulate them on a very fine piece of real hard work in which every member has more than played his part."

"Over the next four days, during which the bazaar will be opened from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., they are providing, in addition to the usual side-shows, an almost continuous series of entertainments including Chinese singing, lion dancing and Chinese boxing which I am sure will be very popular. There is also a chance for those who buy the \$2 donation tickets to win a motor car or one of the other valuable prizes which have been so generously given by various donors."

A GOOD CAUSE

"In short we have before us all the ingredients of a really successful bazaar. The cause is good, the fare is good, the holiday spirit is good and, the weather... is the weather. All we need is that the luck shall be good and I am sure that it will be, and this bazaar will meet with the success it so richly deserves."

"It only remains for me to give it the traditional Chinese greeting, 'Kung Hei Fat Choy'."

Young Miss Hui Suet-pik, daughter of committee member, Mr K. P. Hui, then presented Mrs Hawkins with a bouquet of flowers.

Using a pair of golden scissors, presented to him by the chairman, the Hon. Mr. Hawkins cut the ribbon along the first street to declare the bazaar open. As the party moved down the street, a string of fire-crackers outside the bazaar grounds, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs stopped to test his skill at the various booths.

From Our Film 100 Years Ago

To the Editor, Hongkong, 3rd February, 1900.

Dear Sir,—I have to complain of grievous injuries, inflicted upon me by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, and as I know that you are always ready to redress, as far as lies in your power, the wrongs of the unfortunate, I venture to ask to bring before the public, the following history of my sad fate.

My passage was taken for me to leave England by the mail of the 10th November last, and many and bitter were my regrets at leaving that country which can be considered as peculiarly my native land, and leaving it too for ever, for I knew that it was impossible that I should return to England. Yet even these regrets were much alleviated by the knowledge I had, that I was eagerly expected by a circle of kind friends in Hongkong, whom I was to join their Christmas festivities, that my reception would be of the warmest, that more than one of the gentler sex ready to welcome me "with nods and becks and wreathed smiles" that I should bring joy to the hearts of young and old, that during my short existence (and I knew my existence must be short), it should be a source of pleasure to all, win praise from all, and get black looks from none; and then, when I should at last be reckoned among the Chinese, that my many fond remembrances of me would linger in the gentle hearts of those who had been acquainted with me. This, together with the surly that spiritual consolation would be afforded me during last moments, tended, I am sure, to make me almost to destroy, the sad thoughts which naturally oppressed me at leaving for ever the land of my birth.

Instead of my arriving as I should have done, in time for Christmas and the new year, I was detained, either by the blundering, or stupidity of the company, a whole month on the voyage. Hence all my misfortunes; my form had lost its radiance, my complexion was injured and all my charms were gone. What, Sir, I ask you do they deserve who blighted all these fond hopes and reasonable expectations.

Instead of the welcome I anticipated, I was received with cold and suspicious glances. When in the midst of my circle of friends, not one looked kindly, or lovingly on me, and even those who gave me a trial, and did not reject me altogether, greeted me the next morning with curses both deep and loud, and now what remains of me is put on the shelf neglected and uncared for and subjected to the biting attacks of an unimpeachable tribe of vermin, I shall soon cease to exist.

I have addressed this to you, Sir, in the hope that, next Christmas, some of my kin may be harassed by the story of my wrongs, to urge me to discontinue with the Managing Directors of the Company, and in the knowledge that your kind heart will deign to "pity the sorrows of."

A Poor Plumpudding

SHIPS' SURGEONS

In the last Hongkong Government Gazette, the Governor notifies us that "the Chinese Passengers Act 1925" has received the Royal Assent and published in all the newspapers. In all the Act, the question Schedule (A) No. 2 says:—

"No Emigration Officer shall be bound to give a Certificate in respect of any Chinese Passenger Ship, till seven days after receiving Notice that the Ship is to carry passengers, and of the proposed date of sailing, and until there are on board a Surgeon and Interpreter approved by such Emigration Officer."

We suppose that it is meant to dignify by the name of Surgeon, the Chinese who give their free passage on the coast of the Chinese coast. It is not to be mentioned, unfortunately, as a "Chinese Doctor." We do not advocate the making it necessary to carry a European Surgeon, because this would be a heavy burden to be put on the trade, as it would be impossible to find one to find Surgeons in the Chinese coast. The necessity of a certificate from a European medical man as to the health of the passengers before leaving, which was insisted upon last year, would be a heavy burden to be put on the trade, as it would be impossible to find one to find Surgeons in the Chinese coast. The necessity of a certificate from a European medical man as to the health of the passengers before leaving, which was insisted upon last year, would be a heavy burden to be put on the trade, as it would be impossible to find one to find Surgeons in the Chinese coast.

It Will Be Up To Ike

Los Angeles, Feb. 12.

Dr Paul Dudley White, top specialist in the President's illness, said tonight physicians will not make any recommendations to Eisenhower on whether he should run for re-election.

"The choice will be his," the famed Boston physician said. Dr White said that "other physicians will give the President findings and a medical opinion" of the results of Eisenhower's latest physical examination.

There will be no recommendation, however, on what the President should do regarding a second term. Dr White said the United Press.

Dr White said he had not spoken to any of the President's doctors since returning from a scientific cruise in lower California waters in an attempt to record the heart beat of the great grey whale. He earlier said the cruise "was successful."

"A statement probably will be issued after the joint consultation, which is scheduled for Tuesday," he said. — United Press.

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